

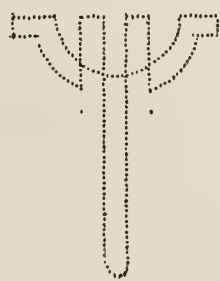
OTTERY ST. MARY
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR

1943



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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
OF
OTTERY ST. MARY.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Ottery St. Mary
Urban District Council.

I beg to present to you a brief
statement of the Public Health of your
District during the year 1943.

Marginal
Notes.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births. Total .. 48.

Boys 26.

Girls 22.

Of these births 4 were illegitimate.

There were no Still-births.

Death Rate. Total Deaths .. 44.

Transferable Deaths .. 12.

Average age of Death - Just over 69.

Of these deaths -

38 had reached the age of 70 & upwards.

16 " " " " " 80 " "

2 " " " " " 90 " "

There were 4 deaths amongst young infants.

2 of the deaths were caused by Cancer, a
very much lower figure than during the
last few years.

2 persons died from Tuberculosis.

There were 2 cases of Suicide, and one
Accidental Death.

HOSPITAL.

The needs of the District have again
been well served by the Ottery St. Mary and
District Cottage Hospital.

HOSPITAL (Contd.)

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Notes.

During the year 157 patients were admitted as In-Patients, 122 Operations were performed, and 27 accidents were treated.

MATERNITY AND CHILD
WELFARE.

The Welfare Centre was opened 48 times during the year.

On the Register there were .. 57 Mothers.

42 Infants.

17 Toddlers.

The attendances made were as follows :-

Mothers ... 739.

Infants ... 382.

Toddlers ... 540.

PREVELANCE AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During the year the District was fortunate in the fact that no epidemics of a serious nature occurred. In the early part of the year there was a wide-spread but mild epidemic of Influenza. There were rather more cases of Scarlet Fever than usual, but these cases too were mild, and the epidemic was not a dangerous one.



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I received the following
notifications during the year :-

Measles	...	4.
Whooping Cough	...	1.
Scarlet Fever	...	8.
Diphtheria	...	1.

Three cases of Tuberculosis were also notified.

2 Lung Cases in Women aged 23 & 20,
and one Surgical Tuberculosis in a
Woman of 59.

There were 2 deaths from Tuberculosis.

Once again the Council provided
free immunisation against Diphtheria,
and a very large number of Children in
the District have received this
preventative treatment.

The one case of Diphtheria
notified during the year was an adult
who came to the town having already
contracted the disease.

63 Children were immunised during
1943, and I reckon that 95% of the
children under 5, and 89% of children
between 5 and 15 are now protected.

I am, Gentleman,
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) F.N.SIDEBOTHAM.

Medical Officer of Health.

August, 1944.

